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City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3739, Agenda Item #: 2.

12/10/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a ninth renewal to the interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City's provision of animal services, for a nine-month period beginning January 1, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$2,074,867 to be paid to the City.

Lead Department

Animal Services Office

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

October 1, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an eighth renewal to the interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City's provision of animal services, for a three-month period beginning October 1, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$518,717 to be paid to the City, on an 11-0 vote.

September 19, 2019 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of a seventh amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City's provision of animal services, for a 12-month period beginning October 1, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$2,064,686, on an 11-0 vote.

September 20, 2018 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of a sixth amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City's provision of animal services, for a 12-month period beginning October 1, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$1,817,740, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Alter absent.

September 26, 2013 - Council authorized Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County under which City will provide certain animal services to Travis County, in exchange for payment of \$1,115,472, for a 12-month period beginning October 1, 2013, on a 7-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Pursuant to the terms of various agreements, the Animal Services Office has provided animal services throughout the unincorporated areas of Travis County (County) through various agreements since 1985. City and County staff worked together for several years in an effort to consolidate the patchwork of agreements and amendments for these services, resulting in an interlocal agreement (ILA) that was approved by the County Commissioners Court and City Council on September 27, 2007, and October 18, 2007, respectively. This original ILA was renewed several times.

Today's action will authorize negotiation and execution of the ninth renewal of the ILA for a nine-month term beginning January 1, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$2,074,867 to be paid to the City.

Pursuant to this ILA, the Animal Services Office will continue to provide animal protection, shelter services, wildlife mitigation services, and public education to Travis County residents. A portion of the payment from Travis County will provide funding for the permanent wildlife services officer position proposed in the City Manager's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.